

**TOWN OF WELLESLEY  
Advisory Committee**



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To: Bella Wong  
Ruth Quinn Berdell

From: Jack Haley - Chair, Advisory Committee  
Barbara McMahon – Chair, Advisory School Subcommittee

Cc: KC Kato - Chair, School Committee  
Steve Burt – Vice Chair, School Committee

Re: **Funding of FY12 School Budgets as Recommended by School Administration**

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School Administration has split the FY12 School Budget request between Operating/Facilities and SST&I. Advisory again compliments the School Administration on this approach as it provides a basis to develop a different mechanism for the funding of the two budgets. In order to make a recommendation to Town Meeting to possibly fund STT&I differently than in the past, Advisory must understand the detail components of the operating and STT&I budgets, including any allocations or shared costs between the two budgets. An agreement will need to be developed documenting what costs and allocations are included in each budget if a new funding approach is to be considered by Town Meeting.

To move this process along as expeditiously as possible, we request to see the background data necessary to support our understanding of both the Operating/Facilities and STT&I sides of the budgets. Please provide the detail support used to prepare the FY11 and FY12 Operating/Facilities and STTI Budgets, including related worksheets/workbooks, Excel files, data accumulation files and supporting documentation used by School Administration to prepare the budget information presented in both the FY11 Budget and FY12 Recommended Budget. The FY12 information is the highest priority item. We do not need any additional preparation or analysis of these materials. If it is not possible or feasible to provide copies of this material, or if there are confidentiality issues associated with any of this information, please let us know when it would be possible for members of Advisory School Subcommittee to review this material at the School Administration offices. We would like to begin our review of this information this weekend.

We understand that KC Kato, possibly with your assistance, plans to meet separately with our schools subcommittee to specifically cover the STT&I details during the week of January 17. We appreciate this accommodation, and agree with the School Committee that this approach will allow the Advisory schools committee, and thus Advisory as a whole, to better understand the STT&I budget while protecting the information which is considered confidential.